

Science and Tourism Courses in the Indira Gandhi National Open University in Hindi:

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the above courses are likely to be started in Hindi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c). According to the information furnished by the Indira Gandhi National Open University, the following programmes are on offer :

Tourism Studies Programmes

Certificate in Tourism Studies

Diploma in Tourism Studies

Bachelor in Tourism Studies

Library Science Programmes

Bachelor of Library and Information Science

Master of Library and Information Science

The programmes of Certificate in Tourism Studies and Bachelor in Toursim Studies are being offered in Hindi also from January 1997 session, while the diploma in Tourism Studies in Hindi is expected to be on offer from January 1998 session.

So far as the programmes in Library Science are concerned, the process of development and launching of these programmes in Hindi is on. It is expected that the Bachelor of Library and Information Science will be on offer in Hindi in January 1999 session.

[English]

Land of Mumbai Port Trust

1450. SHRI RAM NAIK : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the total area of land occupied and owned by the Mumbai Port Trust;

(b) the total area under lease to various parties;

(c) the year when the lease rents were decided and whether they are revised periodically;

(d) whether the Government propose to sell out some of the land not required by the Mumbai Port Trust; and

(e) if so, the total price likely to be fetched thereby?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) The total area of land occupied and owned by the Mumbai Port Trust is 1860 acres.

(b) The total area under lease to various parties is 785 acres.

(c) Rent in respect of leases are revised either on the basis of the lease terms or on expiry of lease if a fresh lease is granted.

(d) No. Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Private Engineering Colleges

1451. SHRI GULAM RASOOL KAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of private engineering colleges running in the country at present and the number out of them registered so far;

(b) whether the Government are aware that students have to donate huge amounts to these colleges for getting admission; and

(c) if so, the corrective measures taken/proposed to be taken to have a check on these colleges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA):

(a) to (c). The All India Council for Technical Education, a statutory body for proper planning and co-ordinated development of the Technical Education System throughout the country, has so far approved 301 private engineering colleges. The fee structure of these colleges are fixed strictly as per the guidelines given by the Hon'ble Supreme Court. The State Governments have been asked to adhere to these norms.

[Translation]

Sanskrit Colleges

1452. SHRI SOHAN BEER : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Sanskrit Colleges in the country, State-wise;

(b) the financial assistance provided to the Sanskrit colleges during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether the Union Government propose to increase the financial assistance being given to the such colleges; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA):

(a) and (b). A statement is enclosed.

(c) and (d). There is no proposal to increase the financial assistance during the current Plan period.